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**DPHSS COVID-19 October 31 Community Outreach POSTPONED;**  
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**DPHSS COVID-19 October 31 Community Outreach POSTPONED**

For the safety of the staff, nurses, responders, and the community, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) has **postponed** the COVID-19 Community Outreach, originally scheduled for Saturday, October 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Astumbo Gym in Dededo, due to Tropical Depression Atsani.

A revised date will be provided once available. Those who have pre-registered for tomorrow’s testing will be notified directly and will be able to keep their reserved spots once a new date has been determined.

DPHSS, in collaboration with the Government of Guam, the Mayors’ Council of Guam, the FSM Consulate Office, and the FSM Association of Guam, will continue to work to provide COVID-19 testing to the community.

Those experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, are advised to call their health care provider. If a patient does not have a regular health care provider, they can call the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) at (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment. The NRCHC COVID-19 testing is available by appointment only.

Those experiencing symptoms can also call the DPHSS Medical Triage Hotline phone numbers listed below to report symptoms and obtain guidance, or call 311 and dial option 1.

- (671) 480-7859/83
- (671) 480-6760/63
- (671) 687-7321
- (671) 685-0358
- (671) 998-4442/60/74/80
- (671) 687-6170 (ADA Dedicated Number)

The DPHSS Medical Triage Hotline is available from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sundays. Missed calls or calls going to voicemail will be returned.

**DPHSS Public Hearing on Oct. 31 & Nov. 4**

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) will convene a public hearing on **Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** via Zoom Conference. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the DPHSS Draft Rules Governing the Enforcement of Public Health Guidances and Directives during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

To access the public hearing, click on the following link address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620784007> or use Zoom Meeting ID: 846 2078 4007. The Zoom Conference is limited to the first 100 participants.

The Public Hearing will also be streamed live on DPHSS' Facebook Page.

A second public hearing will also be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference. Details will be announced in a separate public notice.

For more information, please contact DPHSS Division of General Administration at [publichealth@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:publichealth@dphss.guam.gov) or (671) 638-4512.

#### **Four GPD Officers and One Arrestee Test Positive for COVID-19**

On Thursday, October 29, 2020, the Guam Police Department (GPD) was made aware of four (4) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases within GPD.

Two confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported from the Southern Precinct Command, with the two (2) officers having no direct contact to the general public. As a precautionary measure and to ensure the safety of GPD personnel assigned to the Southern Precinct Command, the Chief of Police, Stephen C. Ignacio had authorized a revised operation for the next 12-18 hours. All phone calls will be forwarded to GPD'S Tactical Communications Section, as officers will continue to be dispatched from the Southern Precinct Command utilizing the Office of Civil Defense's Mobile Command Post. These revised operations will allow for the immediate decontamination of the precinct by the Guam Fire Department. GPD will continue to respond to calls with no disruptions of service.

Two (2) additional officers assigned to a specialized unit have also tested positive for COVID-19. These officers have had minimal to no contact to the general public.

GPD was also made aware that an arrestee processed by GPD personnel had tested positive for COVID-19. The officers that were involved with the investigation are currently in home isolation.

GPD is working closely with the DPHSS with immediate contact tracing. All GPD personnel that have been identified as close contacts remain in quarantine pending test results.

#### **GBHWC Crisis Hotline**

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/](http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/) or [guamrecovery.com](http://guamrecovery.com). For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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